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SUBJECT: U.S.-INDIA COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS ON ENERGY

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1. YOUR TELEGRAM CONCERNING INDIA'S INTEREST IN DEVELOPING
NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY WAS TIMELY. PRIOR TO THE S AND T
SUBCOMMISSION MEETING, WE BROUGHT THIS TO THE ATTENTION
OF ERDA AND URGED THAT THEY BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE
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ON COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS IN THE ENERGY FIELD.

2. DOMESTIC ENERGY PROBLEMS CONSTITUTE ERDA'S PRINCIPAL
CONCERN, AND ERDA IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ACROSS
THE ENTIRE RANGE OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
TO DEMONSTRATE PROGRESS IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS.
NEVERTHELESS, ERDA IS AWARE OF THE BENEFITS TO THE U.S.

OF COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SOLVING SOME OF THEIR ENERGY PROBLEMS, AND ERDA IS ENGAGED, WITH AID AND STATE IN FORMULATING SUCH A PROGRAM, ONE ASPECT OF WHICH IS TO SEEK AUTHORITY TO USE SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR FOREIGN COLLABORATION. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT YET ASSURED. THUS, THE PROSPECT OF FINDING DOLLARS FOR JOINT R AND D AT THIS TIME IS UNLIKELY PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY ISSUE. THEREFORE, I MUST BE FRANK WITH YOU THAT DESPITE A DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO THE INDIANS, ERDA IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT IT CAN BECOME INVOLVED WITH THEM IN THIS FIELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE, EXCEPT IN SOME OF THE WAYS IDENTIFIED BY THE SUBCOMMISSION.

3. I BELIEVE YOU WILL SEE IN THE SUBCOMMISSION MINUTES (REFTEL B) AND THE PANEL REPORTS (WHICH WILL BE SENT TO NEW DELHI AS AN ENCLOSURE TO AN AIRGRAM) THAT OUR DELEGATION MADE A GREAT EFFORT TO ADVANCE JOINT ACTIVITY WITH THE INDIANS IN THE ENERGY FIELD.

4. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT WE DEMONSTRATE OUR SINCERITY BY STANDING BEHIND OUR PLEDGES, NOT ONLY FOR CREDIBILITY BUT ALSO FOR FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN WITH THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT OUR DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE AN IMPORTANT VISIBLE COMPONENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR COMMITMENT TO THE LESS-ADVANTAGED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. CHRISTOPHER

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